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Hindu Religious Endowments

Withholding tasdiks to certain temples in South Kanara.

*634 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(a) whether it is a fact that the tasdik amounts due to several institutions in the district of South Kanara have been held up by the Government at the instance of the District Temple Committee or the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the past nearly two years; if so, under what powers the Board or the Committee issued the said instructions to the Collector;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tasdik amounts being the main source of income for several temples the viniyogas therein have been stopped or are not properly performed;

(c) whether it is a fact that, when the Board or the Committee ordered the withholding of the tasdik amounts, they did not make any arrangements for the proper carrying on of the ceremonies by the trustees in possession; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) to (d) Government have no information and have called for reports in the matter.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know when the information was called for and what is the reason for the delay?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"The information was called for on the 4th."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Will the hon the Minister be pleased to place the report on the table of the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I will consider the question when it is received."

Public Health

Proposals regarding the free distribution of quinine in the coming year.

*635 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what proposals have been made to the Government by the Director of Public Health regarding free distribution of quinine in the coming year;

(b) what further measures Government propose to take for the prevention and control of malaria;

(c) whether they propose to retain permanently the malarial establishment; and

(d) whether they have under consideration the establishment of any research stations for the study of preventive measures?

A.—(a) The Director of Public Health has submitted proposals for a revision of the areas in which quinine is distributed free and for an extension of the scheme to certain new areas, based on actual malaria surveys which have been done.

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(b) The recommendations made by the Special Malaria Officer for combating malaria in the areas investigated by him have been communicated to the local bodies concerned. The Government have also agreed to consider, if and when funds permit, applications from local bodies for grants for anti-malarial operations subject to the proviso that the grants when sanctioned will not ordinarily exceed one-third of the cost of such operations.

(c) The employment of the Special Malaria Officer and his staff has been sanctioned up to the 31st March 1932. The question of their further retention will be considered in connexion with the Budget proposals for 1932-33.

(d) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, whether any local bodies have applied for grants for anti-malarial operations ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Notice."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have settled any programme in regard to the very serious question of malaria ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" The question is still in an experimental stage."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" In view of the reports that have been already received, may I know what steps have been taken and whether the proposals are to be extended throughout the Presidency ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" The Government is not now in a position to pass general orders."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how they are going to tackle the problem, whether they will start in the City and extend further later on ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Both the urban areas and the mufassal have been taken up. In the mufassal some taluk boards have been included and the Special Officer has been sending reports. His term is till about 1932 and as soon as his further reports are received the question of taking up a definite scheme will be considered."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have any plans for the City of Madras ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Not yet ; it is for the Corporation to take it up."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government will stock quinine with the village officers so as to enable the villagers to have easy access for getting quinine ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" There is no objection but the experiment made in the past has been found to be unsatisfactory. Government will have no objection to stock quinine with village officers if there is a demand for it."